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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir,

The proposed settlement with Microsoft seems criminal to me. Competition is a foundation of our economic system. Nothing in your proposal encourages competition to the almost Total Microsoft Monopoly. It still remains almost impossible to obtain Preloaded software other than Microsoft from Major Vendors. Most hardware Manufacturers only provide drivers for Microsoft systems and will not even provide the required technical information to allow independent development of the drivers. While this is not a direct Microsoft action, it is the result of the Microsoft anti-competitive actions due to their Monopoly. Please provide us with some real relief from this Monopoly. Not just publicity. Yes, Microsoft has some value but competition has even a greater long term value. We need to encourage innovation not stifle it with an anti-competitive Monopoly.

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probably an ex-republican over this issue.